

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2019 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA

The Following Were Present:

County Commission
Richard Howe, Chairman
Travis Godon, Vice-Chairman
Ian Bullis, Commissioner
Shane Bybee, Commissioner
Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board
Susan Lujan, Deputy Clerk

County Officials

Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist
Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Brett North, WPC Fire District Chief
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Administrator
Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director
Bryan Pyle, Deputy District Attorney
Burton Hilton, WPC Assessor
Catherine Bakaric, WPC Treasurer
Lance Gale, Airport Manager
Jaime Swetich, WPC Sheriff's Dept.
Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
Randy Long, Golf Professional/WPC Golf Course

Also Present

Kyle Roerink, Exec. Dir., GBWN
Carol McKenzie
Geri Wopschall
George Chachas, KGTV-10
Rob & Sharlene Scherrer
Jeff Jerome, CORE Construction
B.J. Almberg, Basin Engineering

Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Chachas brought up the September trip by the Building Inspector and his wife, utilizing a government vehicle, to attend an event in Eureka; he asked if the event was taxable, and if the Building Inspector was in Eureka to approve or inspect something? He charged discriminating circumstances in connection with his own property, and apparently the Building Inspector was utilizing a government vehicle for his own use. He next asked about the Economic Diversification person in White Pine County; are they being paid, and if so, what's their salary? He noted it's been a long time since there's been an EDC update. Mr. Chachas still wants to see a decent sound system being used for public meetings. He also began with the lack of collection of track fees by Commissioner Shane Bybee; Chairman Richard Howe halted that comment. Mr. Chachas next cited the lack of ADA compliance by Ms. Carol McKenzie for her work done in Lund; Chairman Howe also halted that comment. He then stated he hasn't seen anything yet on a Victim's Fund with respect to receiving compensation on the vandalism that occurred twice at his building downtown. He also asked if there was a non-discrimination clause included in there when the County is trying to obtain Federal loans/grants. Time was called.

WPC Assessor Burton Hilton brought copies from the State Demographer, which had been distributed during the past CEDS meeting; the official statistic for White Pine County's population is 10,816 (the CEDS statistic was short, 9,742). This 10% difference, it was noted in reply to a query from the Board, also included the prison population. The Board thanked Assessor Hilton for his information.

At 9:20 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Fire Commission meeting. At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Howe adjourned the Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

9:30 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION ONLY – THE WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MATTER OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE (FMV) OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

APN #002-271-13 – 1.934 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY WHITE PINE COUNTY – LOCATED AT A POINT 108' NE OF THE EASTERN TERMINUS OF AVENUE M AND 127' E OF THE EASTERN TERMINUS OF PARK AVENUE, ELY, WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA

Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle noted that the public has copies available and comments may be made. Chairman Richard Howe opened for public comment.

Mr. George Chachas asked about the appraisal for this property; Commissioner Travis Godon noted it was \$4,800 for the 2 acres, and Deputy D.A. Pyle confirmed that amount. Mr. Chachas felt that was way too low; he cited another property appraisal that was done and was sold for less, even though he had offered to pay cash at the time. He continued that even if the lots aren't improved, the County shouldn't give it away to "even just 1 'sweetheart' developer!" He maintained the County has no business competing against the private sector, and added that the single biggest detriment to growth in this community is the Building Inspector. Chairman Richard Howe explained that the County had reached out to landowners and developers who already own private land, to see about this. He didn't agree with the value indicated by the appraisal either, but "we need the housing." He continued that we're asking the developers to come forward; they're sitting on the property and it's this Board's responsibility to try and move forward with getting housing available, due to our current shortage. He also clarified that we're not trying to develop this land, "we're trying to get someone else to do it." He added we're not trying to interfere with any private enterprise; we're just letting the public know what we're doing and why we're doing it; to make a positive step forward.

9:45 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – THE WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDER APPROVAL REGARDING ITS INTENT TO VACATE AND/OR ABANDON COUNTY-OWNED STREETS AND/OR EASEMENTS WITHIN THE NORTHERN ADDITION SUBDIVISION OF WHITE PINE COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA, AS DEPICTED HEREIN:

A tract of land situated in a portion of Sections 10, Township 16 North, Range 63 East, MDBM, White Pine County, Ely, Nevada and being a portion of Northern Addition to Ely City, a duly recorded subdivision in said White Pine County, file No. 12322, Map No. 28 and being more particularly described as follows:

Steptoe Street

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 8 of said Northern Addition to City Ely, thence along the easterly line of said Block 8 and on a northerly extension thereof, to the northeasterly corner of Lot 2 of Block 1, said point being on the southerly right of way line of the Northern Nevada Rail Way; Thence southeasterly along said Northern Nevada Rail Way, to the northwesterly corner of Lot 21 of Block 2; Thence, along the westerly line of said Block 2 and on a southerly extension thereof, to the southwesterly corner of Lot 13 of Block 9; Thence westerly to said southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 8 and the Point of Beginning.

Market Street

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 9 of said Northern Addition to City Ely, thence along the easterly line of said Block 9 and on a northerly extension thereof, to the northeasterly corner of Lot 4 of Block 2, said point being on the southerly right of way line

of the Norther Nevada Rail Way; Thence southeasterly along said Northern Nevada Rail Way, to the northwesterly corner of Lot 18 of Block 3; Thence, along the westerly line of said Block 3 and on a southerly extension thereof, to the southwesterly corner of Lot 13 of Block 10; Thence westerly to said southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 9 and the Point of Beginning.

Front Street

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 10 of said Northern Addition to City Ely, thence northerly along the easterly line of said Block 10 and on a northerly extension thereof to the northeasterly corner of Lot 7 of Block 3, said point being on the southerly right of way line of the Norther Nevada Rail Way; Thence southeasterly along said Northern Nevada Rail Way, to the centerline of Front Street, said point being 25.00 feet, when measured at right angles, from the right of way line of said street; Thence, southerly along said centerline, to a point on an easterly extension of the southerly line of Block 10, said point being 25.00 feet easterly from the southeasterly corner of Lot 12 of Block 10; Thence westerly to said southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 10 and the Point of Beginning.

Adams Street

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of Lot 6, Block 6 of said Northern Addition to City Ely, thence easterly along the southerly line of said Block 6 and on an extension thereof, to the southeasterly corner of Lot 12 of Block 4; Thence southerly to the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Block 10; Thence along the northerly line of Block 10 and on a westerly extension thereof, to the point of intersection with a southerly extension of the westerly line of Block 6; Thence northerly to said southwesterly corner of Lot 6, Block 6 and the Point of Beginning.

Madison Street

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of Lot 6, Block 1 of said Northern Addition to City Ely, thence easterly along the southerly line of said Block 1 and on an extension thereof, to the southeasterly corner of Lot 11 of Block 3; Thence southerly to the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Block 4; Thence along the northerly line of Block 4 and on a westerly extension thereof, to the northwesterly corner of Lot 1, Block 6; Thence northerly to said southwesterly corner of Lot 6, Block 1 and the Point of Beginning.

And Also:

All that part of the north-south Alley right of way in said Northern Addition to City Ely, lying east of and adjoining to Lots 1 through 12 of Block 8.

And Also:

All that part of the north-south Alley right of way in said Northern Addition to City Ely, lying east of and adjoining to Lots 1 through 12 of Block 9.

And Also:

All that part of the north-south Alley right of way in said Norther Addition to City Ely, lying east of and adjoining to Lots 1 through 12 of Block 10.

And Also:

All that part of the north-south Alley right of way in said Northern Addition to City Ely, lying east of and adjoining to Lots 1 through 12 of Block 5.

And Also:

All that part of the north-south Alley right of way in said Northern Addition to City Ely, lying east of and adjoining to Lots 1 through 12 of Block 4.

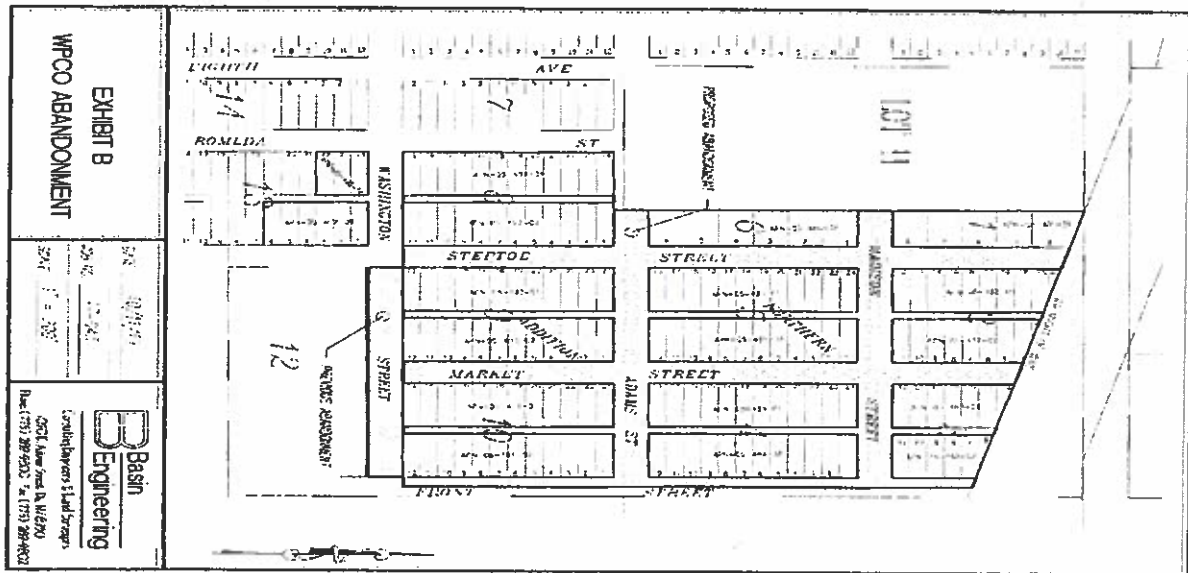
And Also:

All that part of the north-south Alley right of way in said Northern Addition to City Ely, lying east of and adjoining to Lots 3 through 11 of Block 2.

And Also:

All that part of the north-south Alley right of way in said Northern Addition to City Ely, lying east of and adjoining to Lots 6 through 11 of Block 3.

Containing 4.38 acres of land more or less



Chairman Richard Howe read the agenda title into the record, noting the legal descriptions “as depicted in the agenda on Pages 3, 4, & 5.” Chairman Howe then opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

Mr. George Chachas commented that that on the previous item the Board was giving it away, but now here they’re abandoning streets on already-dedicated lots; he added that he has property that he can’t use. This Board is sending out mixed signals. Chairman Richard Howe provided a brief history of the past 2 years on this: A Flood Control Plan needed to be done in East Ely. The Scherrers and the Carsons worked on this diligently with the Commission at that time; they will be compensated for their loss of property without interfering with the property owners. He continued that the County took away their property and gave them this other piece to satisfy both families; many hearings were held on this matter. The Flood Control Project will go between their respective properties, and this will be the end of this item so we can move forward with the Public Works project to assist the citizens in East Ely with their flood control problems. He added that both families are happy since we aren’t interfering with their lands, and in fact we’re giving them some property back; B.J. Almberg, of Basin Engineering, confirmed this. Commissioner Shane Bybee commended the Board not only for doing well by Central Ely, but also through the NDOT right-of-way downtown, creating better drainage there. He added that each parcel sits within the platted roadways so that access is clear. The Board appreciated getting this done to help the Scherrers and the Carsons. Commissioner Laurie Carson felt it was appropriate for her to disclose that her late husband was a cousin to Mr. Carson; she doesn’t have anything to do with any of the property, it was confirmed by Deputy D.A. Pyle. Per legal advice, Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the fully executed easement between the Scherrers and the City of Ely and the Nevada Northern Railroad to create it across the Scherrers property, contingent upon approval by the District Attorney’s Office. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF PARCEL MAP FOR ROBERT SCHERRER AND SHARLENE STEWART, BEING APNS 05-492-01, 05-492-02, 05-493-01, 05-493-02, 05-494-01, 05-494-02, 05-486-01, 05-485-01, 05-485-02, 05-484-01, 05-484-02, 05-481-01, 05-482-01, 05-482-02, 05-483-01 & 05-483-02

Chairman Richard Howe read the agenda item into the record. B.J. Almberg, of Basin Engineering, explained that as a courtesy to the Scherrers these properties were consolidated; they are “little islands” right now, and by consolidating it would turn them into one big piece of property. Per legal advice, Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the parcel map as presented contingent upon approval by the District Attorney’s Office. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. B.J. Almberg added that the reason for this is due to there still being lots and blocks in place, this Commission vacated the roads that provided access. By reverting back to one large parcel, it wouldn’t be possible to sell a parcel without ingress or egress; this keeps them from being landlocked. The Scherrers were publicly thanked for their patience over time, for going through all this, and now it’s coming to closure. WPC Assessor Burton Hilton added this is the best way this could have been handled. Chairman Howe reiterated the motion and second; motion carried.

11:00 A.M. JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO THE AIA DOCUMENT A133 AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE PINE COUNTY AND CORE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF NEVADA, INC., EXECUTED ON AUGUST 14, 2019 INCREASING THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PROCE (GMP) FOR THE JAIL AND SHERIFF’S OFFICE PORTION OF THE PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,243,474.00

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised this amendment pertains to the Jail and the Sheriff’s Office portion of the project. This isn’t of concern to the USDA, which is why it is being done separately from the other agenda items related to this. She introduced Mr. Jeff Jerome, of CORE Construction: Mr. Jerome advised they approached this as two separate projects. The first was the Courthouse and Site Improvements; the second was the Sheriff’s Office improvements and the addition of the Detention Center, as he explained. He noted this clarifies for the USDA exactly what their funding will cover. Bids were solicited from subcontractors in Nevada and Utah; Public Works Director Bill Calderwood sat in on their meetings to review the bids and identified items that may have been missing, and decisions were made. The figures were presented to Director Frances and the rest of the White Pine County Team; they determined the best value of each bid were able to bring both projects forward in their selection. Director Frances indicated that the architect, Lombard Conrad, are also present today to answer questions that may arise. It was emphasized that no subcontracts have been awarded at this time. Based on approval by this Commission, the next step is to enter into negotiations with the subcontractors. Chairman Richard Howe had a concern that our local subcontractors should have the same opportunity to bid for the jobs; Mr. Jerome assured him that they had reached out to JCR Development for a bid and received no response for the first phase of the work. Because they are under

contract, however, they did submit for the second phase; unfortunately JCR wasn't the low bidder, so the team had no choice but to exclude them as well as Reck Brothers, for the same reason. Chairman Howe noted that as long as they did have the chance to submit a bid, that's what is most important; to afford our local firms the same opportunity. Mr. Jerome noted that various periodicals and other venues were included regarding bid solicitations. Commissioner Shane Bybee advised he had talked with several locals, and several of them felt these projects were outside their scope regarding manpower, etc. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to the AIA Document A133 Agreement between White Pine County and CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc., to increase the GMP for the Jail and Sheriff's Office portion of the project in an amount not to exceed \$11,243,474.00. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Director Frances requested that the next two agenda items be approved contingent upon USDA concurrence.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF AIA DOCUMENT A133 AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE PINE COUNTY AND CORE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF NEVADA, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 2 OF THE JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT INCLUDING THE COURTHOUSE AND COMPLETION OF SITE DEVELOPMENT

Director Frances advised this agenda item request is specific to the Courthouse. Mr. Jerome noted that CORE Construction has brought in appropriate fill to the site in order to bring it to the required elevation for the construction. He added they'll be installing a new impound yard for the Sheriff's Office this week. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the AIA Document A133 Agreement between White Pine County and CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc. for construction of Phase 2 of the Justice Center Project, including the Courthouse and completion of site development, contingent upon USDA concurrence. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO THE AIA DOCUMENT A133 AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE PINE COUNTY AND CORE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF NEVADA INC., EXECUTED ON NOVEMBER 13, 2019 (TODAY) SETTING THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PORTION OF THE PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,756,568.00

Mr. Jerome noted this agenda item represents the combined efforts of Public Works Director Bill Calderwood, Lombard Conrad Architects, and the White Pine County Team working together to identify the best value in setting the guaranteed maximum price. He continued that the CMAR contingencies weren't utilized, and the remaining funds would revert back to the County for their determination on how best to utilize those funds. He added that some plan review comments were also included in the estimates, and no change orders are anticipated. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the AIA Document A133 Agreement between White Pine County and Core Construction Services of Nevada, Inc., setting the guaranteed maximum price for the Courthouse and Site Development portion of the project in an amount not to exceed \$17,756,568.00, contingent upon USDA concurrence. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE CONTRACT TO CORE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PHASE 2 ON THE JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT INCLUDING AMENDMENT #1 FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND COMPLETION OF SITE DEVELOPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,756,568 AND AMENDMENT #2 FOR THE JAIL AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE PORTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,243,474 CONTINGENT ON THE APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Director Frances noted this is being requested to be pulled from the agenda as it was fulfilled by the previous agenda items; Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle advised the proper motion would be to table. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to table the agenda item as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MIKE WHEABLE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND NEVADA RURAL COUNTIES RSVP PROGRAM, INC. (RSVP), A NONPROFIT CORPORATION FOR THE LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT THE YELLAND FIELD TERMINAL BUILDING FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FOR \$1.00 PER YEAR, PURSUANT TO NRS 244.2835

Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle advised the last RSVP agreement had expired; while we definitely appreciate their service to White Pine County, an agreement needed to be put in place. He continued that as a nonprofit organization, the terms may be changed as the Board sees fit, for example from 5 to 10 years, etc. He noted that as the County may need that space in the future, he added a 60-day notice clause because they would be hard-pressed to find another place they could afford, should that ever occur. He reviewed the agreement terms briefly with the Board. Commissioner Shane Bybee wanted to see a guarantee that they would have another space made available for them if necessary. Deputy D.A. Pyle noted that from a legal point of view, that wouldn't be a good idea since it could end up costing the County if we needed to find them a space and were bound by the agreement to do so. He explained that while there's nothing against their program, and they are valuable to the community, we would have to protect the County in the case that rare event might occur. Commissioner Bybee felt as this is such an important program, we should be able to come up with a space and allow them to have a comfort level for that in case it was needed. Deputy D.A. Pyle suggested he could add language to include a vacant, County-owned building, currently not occupied, for example. He noted the Board could act upon this agenda item contingent upon the terminology being clarified by the District Attorney. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve a lease agreement between White Pine County and the R.S.V.P. for office space at the Yelland Field Terminal Building for a period of five (5) years for \$1.00 per year, ~~contingent upon terminology clarification by the District Attorney.~~ Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO RETAIN EGLET PRINCE LAW FIRM TO REPRESENT WHITE PINE COUNTY IN REGARDS TO THE OPIOID CRISIS AND PURSUING LAWSUITS AGAINST OPIOID DRUG COMPANIES AT THE RATE OF 25% OF THE RECOVERY (CONTINGENCY FEE)

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to retain Eglet Prince Law Firm to represent White Pine County with respect to the opioid crisis and pursuing lawsuits as requested for a contingency fee of 25%. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

~~DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-55, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CORRECTIONS TO H.R. 253 (2019)~~

~~Commissioner Laurie Carson advised that Congressman Steven Horsford wanted a resolution set in place in support of the corrections to H.R. 253. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle noted that the heavy work was done by Ms. Donna Bath, who worked on those corrections. He clarified that these are the corrections to the Public Lands Bill we have been requesting, to include White Pine County as we were omitted when the bill was passed. He continued that Ms. Bath had the expertise and knowledge of this, so she actually provided the technical changes. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-55, supporting the corrections to H.R. 253 (2019) as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.~~

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER TO NEVADA LEGISLATORS REGARDING THE CLARK COUNTY LANDS BILL

Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table. Commissioner Ian Bullis made the motion; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN WHITE PINE COUNTY AND THE BLM REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE EA FOR THE PROPOSED TARGETED AND PRESCRIPTIVE GRAZING OF ANNUAL GRASSES IN GREAT BASIN ECOSYSTEMS IN NEVADA

Commissioner Travis Godon advised he would abstain from the discussion and not vote on this agenda item, due to his families' ranching ties. Commissioner Laurie Carson noted this is proprietary information, since she can't have full access to her family's grazing rights until this is completed. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the MOU between White Pine County and the BLM regarding development of the EA for the Proposed

Targeted and Prescriptive Grazing of Annual Grasses in Great Basin Ecosystems in Nevada. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Travis Godon abstaining. Commissioner Carson requested this be sent to the State BLM Office as soon as possible; Deputy D.A. Bryan Pyle will work on that.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-55

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECLARING SUPPORT OF CORRECTIONS TO H.R. 253 (2019)**

WHEREAS, Chapter 244 of the Nevada Revised Statutes grants the Board of County Commissioners the appropriate authority to address matters of local concern for the effective operation of county government, including matters concerning public property and lands

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE PINE COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA, hereby resolves to support the attached corrections to H.R. 253 (2019):

SEC. 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF WHITE PINE COUNTY CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND DEVELOPMENT ACT.

17 (a) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Section 312 of the

18 White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Develop

19 ment Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-432, 120 Stat

20 3030) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “use of fire protection, law enforcement, education, public safety,

22 housing, social services, transportation and planning” and inserting “for use as determined through

23 normal County budgeting procedures” and

24 (2) in paragraph (3)—

And insert (a) INVESTMENT OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—Any amounts deposited

in the special account shall earn interest in an amount determined

by the Secretary of the Treasury on the basis of the current average

market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United

States of comparable maturities, and may be expended according

to the provisions of this section.

23 “through a competitive bidding process” and insert

24 ing “consistent with section 244 of the Nevada Re

25 vised Statutes (as in effect on the date of enactment

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1 of the Eastern Nevada Economic Development and

2 Land Management Improvement Act”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(e) DEADLINE.—If the Secretary has not conveyed

5 to the County the parcels of land described in subsection

6 (b) by the date that is 120 days after the date of the en

7 actment of the Nevada Lands Bill Technical Corrections

8 Act of 2019, the Secretary shall convey to the County,

9 without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the

10 United States in and to the parcels of land.”

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1 (A) in subparagraph (G), by striking “;

2 and” and inserting a semicolon;

3 (B) in subparagraph (H), by striking the

4 period at the end and inserting “, and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(I) processing by a government entity of

7 public land-use authorizations and rights-of-way

8 relating to the development of land conveyed to

9 the County under this Act, with an emphasis on

10 authorizations and rights-of-way relating to any

11 infrastructure needed for the expansion of the

12 White Pine County Industrial Park under sec

13 tion 352(c)(2).”

352(c)(3)(C) change “gross” to “net” and add “Net proceeds are remaining funds from disposal after all costs described in Section 312(2).”

14 (b) CONVEYANCE TO WHITE PINE COUNTY, NE

15 VADA.—Section 352 of the White Pine County Conserva

16 tion, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public

17 Law 109-432, 120 Stat. 3039) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “not later

19 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the

20 Nevada Lands Bill Technical Corrections Act of

21 2019” before “the Secretary”;

352(c)(1) (b)(1) shall be used by the County to expand the Ely Airport insert “or other nonresidential development as determined by the County and in compliance with County planning and zoning.”

22 (2) in subsection (c)(3)(B)(i), by striking

Schena and others in White Pine County

Without consideration of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1711, 1712), the Secretary of Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, shall issue corrective patents, subject to valid existing rights, for private lands adjacent to public land where a cloud on the title demonstrates that the private land had been patented prior to 1976 and the correction is five acres or less. The corrected patent will be issued within 60 days of this Act, or within 60 days of written notification from the private land owner to the agency. Administrative costs will be paid by the government.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED this 13th day of November, 2019

ATTEST:


Nicholas Baldwin, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard Howe, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
White Pine County, Nevada

BURTON HILTON, ASSESSOR

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE NEW SOFTWARE SYSTEM

WPC Assessor Burton Hilton advised that the transition to the new software is challenging, and it isn't going very smoothly; the other 13 counties in Nevada are experiencing the same issues. He explained that they have to go through it "parcel by parcel" and have had to revert back to the old system just to get things sent out by the proper deadlines. They expect to be going live this week, as does the Treasurer's Office. He added that our IT has been amazing to work with; everyone's done all they can, and they just need some more help from the vendor. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised most of the problems are on the software end; the lack of functionality is on the vendor's side, although the hardware side is doing fine. In reply to a query from the Board, Assessor Hilton noted that the company is nationwide, but when they expanded into Nevada they discovered the procedures were vastly different in the way property is appraised for taxes, for example. WPC Treasurer Catherine Bakaric noted that so far this week things are going fairly well, but as the program isn't working for imports/exports as it should, they can't take big tax payments at this point. The speed is slower since everyone is Internet-based now, she noted. In response to a question from Commissioner Shane Bybee regarding possible mitigation, Assessor Hilton noted that Carson City has begun to pursue mitigation but not formally to date. Everyone is just trying to scramble to get things working within the deadlines that we have to live with. He did advise that trainers are coming out to assist, such as in the Treasurer's Office currently. He does have a concern with how budgets may be impacted by all these issues. Also, they need to appraise a mobile home right now, but when they try to test the program the computer crashes. While progress is very slow, they are doing data cleanup; the functionality of the software is the challenge. Also, communication between County Departments is going to be a trial, since ADS had been consistent throughout the County in the past.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF THE PENNINGTON GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$576,672.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WHITE PINE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

Per legal advisement, this agenda item was opened up in conjunction with the agenda item under Finance Director Elizabeth Frances pertaining to the Pennington Grant Award. WPC Assessor Burton Hilton advised that they had approached the Commission to request that they could apply for this award; it was granted. He noted that this is a perfect example of how the County Departments can come together to fill this need; the Assessor, Treasurer, Finance, Senior Center and Maintenance all have a part in assisting with this. It was an amazing opportunity for the County, and the funding was granted. Director Frances confirmed both agenda items are open; it is estimated \$100,000 would be necessary to provide for the Engineer, permitting and inspection fees for the project. Assessor Hilton clarified that Pennington doesn't pay for those services; it's similar to a County match. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to ratify the Pennington Grant Award for \$576,672.00 for improvements to the White Pine County Senior Center. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

KRISTI ROZICH, AQUATIC CENTER DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO DISCUSS AND RECONCILE THE MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL PROMISE OF \$100.00 BONUSES TO LIFEGUARDS THAT WORKED THE SUMMER OF 2019 AT MCGILL POOL

Aquatic Center Director Kristi Rozich is just asking the Board's approval on this. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that this isn't consistent with the existing Personnel Policy to pay for these bonuses; Director Rozich is requesting the Board weigh in on this and either approve or deny the additional pay. Commissioner Ian Bullis noted that while he agrees in concept, he has a problem with being obligated to things we weren't aware of; this could set a precedent. Commissioner Shane Bybee felt we would have little choice; he recalled that enough staff had to be available in order to ensure McGill Pool's operations could continue last summer. In reply to a query from the Board, Director Rozich advised this would be for 15 Lifeguards. Human Resources Director Tim Bunch explained that in trying to retain the Lifeguards there was no action taken by the Board; he also had a concern regarding setting precedent, especially pertaining to the Commission making such decisions. He continued that we need to know where we stand, either by placing some restrictions or opening doors. Such requests should be presented during Commission meetings and decisions being made at that time, rather than having decisions made by smaller boards that could impact us. Commissioner Laurie Carson asked if the funds would be coming out of their budget; the reply was affirmative. Chairman Richard Howe confirmed that he was at that McGill Town Council meeting, and they wanted to pay to ensure their pool would remain open; it's their biggest fund draw of the year. It was an incentive to keep the Lifeguards, and it was part of their budget to do this. It was noted by Director Bunch that they weren't sure when they'd be able to cover the pool, and that Director Rozich had agreed it would be necessary to cut the pool's open schedule at that time.

Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle asked if the employees were under the impression this would be available to them, and did it induce them to work the extra shifts; Director Rozich replied in the affirmative. Deputy D.A. Pyle noted that any future type of these things would have to come before this Commission, but that couldn't be in the motion today as it isn't agendaed for that. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the McGill Town Council paying out \$100 in bonuses to the 15 Lifeguards that worked at the McGill Pool during the summer of 2019. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

BILL CALDERWOOD, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO MODIFY PARK USE POLICY AND USAGE FEES

Public Works Director Bill Calderwood cited the backup material for this and noted \$800.00 was paid in fees during the last calendar year for use of the Parks. Chairman Richard Howe recalled that Commissioner Shane Bybee had brought up that as taxpayers they already have use of the parks. During the discussion, Commissioner Bybee felt the cleanup deposit should left in, but other fees waived for non-business functions. As the parks are paid for through our taxes, we need to have access to them; leaving in the cleaning deposit and taking care of the facilities he didn't see as "double-dipping." Commissioner Travis Godon agreed that the other fees should be waived; he made a motion to waive the fees for non-business functions but to keep in the cleaning deposit, use of dumpsters, etc. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

LANCE GALE, AIRPORT MANAGER

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON AIRPORT USAGE, LEASES, AND FEES COLLECTED MONTHLY AND ANNUALLY

Airport Manager Lance Gale provided a list to the Board comprised of the usage, leases and fees collected on a monthly basis at the Airport. The first page shows the enplanements, compared from 2017; in just 2 years they've experienced a great increase in traffic. However, the night flights don't always get documented; those aren't included in these figures. Commercial usage was clarified to be UPS and other similar flights. Ely Jet Center collects fees from transient—overnight and short-stay users—as he explained. He noted the list of all the current leases at the Airport, including their space and rental per month, terms, etc. There's another one in the works; he's working with the District Attorney's Office on the Historical Car Club lease. He noted all the fees are based on the 2015 Fee Schedule, which had been approved by this Board. The third page of the handout are for the various Hangars; he explained the portions of the fees that the County collects. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle advised that AIRINC had sent us a letter that we were expiring; it actually won't expire until next year, and he noted an addendum for renewal that was set in place last October. Commissioner Laurie Carson requested all of the information be sent to the Clerk's Office to ensure accuracy. Manager Gale thanked the Board.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON MEDX ONE HANGAR TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE AIRPORT

Airport Manager Lance Gale advised MedX One will be building a 60' x 90' hangar; he cited an illustration showing what it will look like. He explained they're looking toward a final design so it can be signed off and then it will be constructed; it is hoped to begin during this winter.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS TO SELL THE CESSNA 310D NOW OWNED BY THE COUNTY TO COLLECT PAST DUE AND UNPAID TIE-DOWN FEES OF APPROX. 10 YEARS. THIS AIRCRAFT (CESSNA 310D) N566S OWNERSHIP WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY TO SATISFY THE PAST DUE FEES (APPROX. \$6,400.00 OF FEES)

Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle will be working on this with Manager Gale. Chairman Richard Howe advised this has been going on for a few years now; basically, the engine blew up and the pilot/owner just left it here. The title finally did come to the County, so now we can solicit bids to sell the plane. It was noted it still has some value, even though it can't fly as is (it doesn't have an engine!). Deputy D.A. Pyle will work on this to see what would be required and the procedure involved. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to proceed with the process to sell the Cessna 310D, now owned by the County and having accumulated approximately \$6,400 in fees. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

ELIZABETH FRANCES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY GRANT REPORTS

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances indicated some reports are in the backup material, and others weren't received in time; the balance of the reports will be provided on the December Commission agenda for approval at that time. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the quarterly grant reports that have been submitted to date. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2019

Director Frances advised these reports are in the backup materials, and she'd be happy to answer any questions from the Board; there were none. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports for October 2019 as presented. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE/REPORT ON NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1ST REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES REQUIRE A JURY TRIAL

Director Frances reported on the NACO meeting she attended; of particular concern is the Supreme Court ruling requiring all domestic violence cases to be handled through a jury trial. The way it impacts us, and what other jurisdictions are having to do to fulfill all this, are similar throughout the other Nevada counties. We don't have a Jury Box in our existing Justice Court, so they will be coordinating with our District Court for these trials. The other counties are working with their Jury Commissioners to call the juries; however, the City of Ely's Municipal Court cannot call a jury so all the domestic violence cases will be charged within the Justice Court. We will see how this is impacted until the end of the year; it was noted some cases may not need to go to trial. The District Courts are being relied on to provide the courtroom space, the Jury Commissioner to pull the juries, etc., which will mean some increased expenditures. Director Frances advised that codes are being set up to track these types of expenses applicable to this new ruling so we can show the Legislature what it will cost the County to provide these jury trials. At this point it was noted there's no problem with scheduling these trials; however, the Justice Court is looking for some alternative space. Our Justice Court currently has 5 cases, which translates into less than 10 days of courtroom time; these things will be observed as they occur during this fiscal year and reviewed during our budget process. Director Frances added that while the trials are mandated, neither the Municipal Court nor the Justice Court will have Jury Boxes set up in the new Courthouse. She did note there will be two large Courtrooms to help us when those trials must be held.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/REQUEST TO UTILIZE BEGINNING FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE SENIOR CENTER FUND AND \$80,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR A TOTAL OF \$100,000.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, PERMITTING AND INSPECTION FEES FOR THE SENIOR CENTER UPGRADE WITH CONSTRUCTION PAID FOR BY A WILLIAM PENNINGTON GRANT

This agenda item was opened in conjunction with the earlier item under WPC Assessor Burton Hilton's agenda item. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to utilize the beginning fund balance in the amount of \$20,000 from the Senior Center Fund and \$80,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for a total of \$100,000 to pay for the Engineering, permitting and inspection fees for the Senior Center Upgrade with the construction paid for by a William Pennington grant. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-52 TO UTILIZE \$22,979.00 FROM UNBUDGETED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND FOR A TRANSFER OUT TO THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Director Frances advised this is a follow-up to allow for the transfer to the Fire District as noted. She added this amount is a best estimate until the final audited figures are available. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-52 to utilize \$22,979.00 from the unbudgeted beginning fund balance in the EMS Fund for a transfer out to the White Pine County Fire Protection District as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Howe, Chairman
Travis Godon, Vice Chairman
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Board of County Commissioners
Resolution Number 2019-32

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Resolution to Augment the White Pine County Emergency Medical Services Fund from Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Beginning Fund Balance in the Amount of \$21,918 to Pay the Balance of Fiscal Year 2019 Ad Valorem Revenues to the White Pine County Fire Protection District Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement

Whereas, the White Pine County Commission entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the White Pine County Fire Protection District to provide Emergency Medical Services on behalf of the County; and

Whereas, the agreement provides that payment for these services shall include revenues generated by the 3.5 cent ad valorem tax collected for Emergency Medical Services; and

Whereas, the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Emergency Medical Services ad valorem revenues were \$21,918 higher than budgeted; and

Whereas, FY 2020 Emergency Medical Services Fund has a beginning fund balance of \$113,483 which is \$25,758 higher than budgeted which is available for legal appropriation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the FY 2020 White Pine County Emergency Medical Services Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance in the amount of \$21,918 adjusting the Emergency Medical Services Fund accounts as follows:

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
015-501-52915-000	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 21,918	
015-000-29905-000	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		\$ 21,918

It is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted and approved the 13th day of November, 2019.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0


Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Susan Lujan, Deputy Clerk for
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

November 13, 2019

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/REQUEST TO HIRE A FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER STARTING MARCH 1, 2020 FOR THE DURATION OF THE JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$85,000.00

Director Frances explained the need for this Maintenance Worker; while no funding source is noted, it could come out of the SB74 Fund, from the Capital Improvement Fund, or from the General Fund; it's not necessary to specify the source in the action to be taken today. Chairman Richard Howe didn't feel this would be a good idea; we're into over \$30 million in the Justice Center as it is, and to have a part-time person not budgeted for would cost an additional \$85,000 for 2 1/2 to 3 years to have someone out there working on the project. We're paying the contractor and then paying a Maintenance person from our staff as well. Director Frances clarified that this person would need to be there to ascertain everything is being done properly; without his presence, the Maintenance staff wouldn't be able to devote their time to the Justice Center. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood advised this would be just for the owners of the building, which would be the County, and for CORE quality control; everything will be documented on a daily basis, including photographs showing where the lines are as it's being constructed, etc. He added this was done for Camp Success; Supervisor Tim Norton was on site there 16 hours a day. Director Calderwood feels it's a good idea because we need to be monitoring what we're paying for. Commissioners Laurie Carson and Ian Bullis agreed with Director Calderwood, and Commissioner Shane Bybee also weighed in by noting that by being closely involved, it will save us money in the long run. He cited he's familiar with this from his own experience, and it's important that the progress be documented. Director Calderwood noted someone will need to oversee the Senior Center Project in the same manner; this person would be providing the oversight on both projects. Chairman Richard Howe does see that Maintenance would be short-handed; he asked if, during the next budget season, Director Calderwood intends to request hiring an extra Maintenance person as well. Director Calderwood replied in the affirmative, noting that the temporary position wouldn't be needed in that event. Commissioner Travis Godon shared similar experience to Commissioner Bybee's as well, and feels it well worth us having this oversight. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for

approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to hire a full-time Maintenance Worker starting March 1, 2020 for the duration of the Justice Center Project at an estimated cost of \$85,000, as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE SENT ON BEHALF OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION; APPROVAL OF PAYROLL FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS; APPROVAL OF HR TRANSMITTAL FOR PAYROLL CHANGES; APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS WITHIN/BETWEEN FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS WITHIN A FUND THAT DO NOT INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF THE FUND

Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER TO SNWA REGARDING A PUBLIC ACCESS REQUEST FOR NEW CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Director Kyle Roerink, Great Basin Water Network, advised that SNWA is forming a new committee; he wishes to ensure the County has access to all those proceedings. The SNWA had actually set a precedent that people here in White Pine County would have access; he's just wishing us to be able to participate. In reply to a query from Commissioner Laurie Carson, Director Roerink has been in touch with Nye County about this. He will advise of their response to this Board, indicating that White Pine County is his first priority and he's just making us aware of this. Library Director Lori Romero advised she can bring those meetings here; she's been trained in video conferencing, and would be happy to do so. Director Roerink noted the Water Advisory Committee also has that capability. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle took a moment to review the proposed letter, after which he pronounced it acceptable for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve sending the letter to SNWA regarding a public access request for their new Citizens Advisory Committee. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO SELECT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AS LIAISON TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK REVIEW BOARD

Deputy Clerk Susan Lujan advised this agenda item was placed on here based on WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin's notes from the last Commission meeting, where this was discussed. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle agreed that a liaison would be needed but the original board no longer exists. He recommended tabling this for the time being. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING HELD:

October 23

Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the October 23rd Commission minutes as presented. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle explained the ground rules for the Closed Personnel Session; it was noted that no action would be taken during that time, as this is just a fact-finding process. The people named have the choice to either keep their session Open or Closed.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO CLOSE THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING PURSUANT TO NRS 241.030 TO HAVE CLOSED PERSONNEL SESSIONS FOR KRISTI LYNCH-ROZICH (AQUATIC CENTER DIRECTOR), RANDY LONG (GOLF PROFESSIONAL), LORI ROMERO (SENIOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR) AND ELIZABETH FRANCES (FINANCE DIRECTOR) TO CONSIDER THEIR CHARACTER, ALLEGED MISCONDUCT, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THEIR JOB PERFORMANCE DURING THE FY ENDING JANUARY 2020

At 11:37 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to close the County Commission meeting and proceed to the Closed Personnel Session. Commissioner Travis Godon made the motion; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried. For purposes of time and space in these minutes, the following competencies were posed for

each of the Department Heads based on their Job Descriptions: Governing Board Relationships (5 areas of competency); Public Relations (3 areas of competency); Effective Leadership of Staff (3 areas of competency); Fiscal Management (3 areas of competency); Communication (3 areas of competency); Attendance/Punctuality/Dependability (4 areas of competency); Professional Job-Related Competencies (4 areas of competency); and Intergovernmental Affairs (4 areas of competency).

At this time, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to hold a session on Golf Professional Randy Long. Commissioner Travis Godon made the motion; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Long preferred to keep his session Open. The following comments were provided concerning Mr. Long as part of his evaluation: "You stretch a tight budget a long way," "Impeccable knowledge of your craft," "Great job," "Course is in great shape," "Amazing job with improving our greens," "We still have a Golf Course because of you." Overall rating: Consistently a 5 (highest grade).

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to hold a session on Aquatic Center Director Kristi Rozich. Commissioner Shane Bybee made the motion; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Rozich preferred to keep her session Open. The following comments were provided concerning Ms. Rozich as part of her evaluation: "It's not an easy job working with Summer staff, you've done very well," "Really appreciate your work keeping our facility staffed by staying competitive in our compensation," "You've stepped up to the plate and your HR abilities really shine," "Keep up the good work, keep up the great job," "You're a seriously good asset to our County." Overall rating: Consistently a 5.

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to hold a session on Senior Program Administrator Lori Romero. Commissioner Travis Godon made the motion; Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Romero preferred to keep her session Open. The following comments were provided concerning Ms. Romero as part of her evaluation: "You run a tight ship," "Incredible grant writing success," "I appreciate the way you watch out for the Senior Center and the Library programs for the community," "Good job, keep up the good work," "Your success in this Department has a profound impact on our community." Overall rating: Consistently a 5.

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to hold a session on Finance Director Elizabeth Frances. Commissioner Travis Godon made the motion; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Frances preferred to keep her session Open. The following comments were provided concerning Ms. Frances as part of her evaluation: "Extremely well-run office," "I always appreciate your conservative budgeting and you're great working with the State on any impacts," "Truly appreciate your work ethic and your attention to detail," "Your abilities and knowledge are truly impeccable," "You keep us aware of outside changes that may affect the County." Overall rating: Consistently a 5.

Commissioner Shane Bybee noted all our Department Heads are top quality people consistently, 24/7. Chairman Richard Howe stated, "Everyone burns the midnight oil; every single Department Head we've evaluated are there early and stay late; they're dedicated, and we're lucky to have each and every one of you." Chairman Howe asked for further comment prior to closing the Session: Mr. Jeff Jerome, of CORE Construction, commented on the question of hiring an individual during the construction phase, to be there to look at the development of the building, especially one of this size; also, the Sheriff's Office must remain open during the entire time of construction. It's always good to have a second set of eyes on site to possibly catch anything that may have been missed. The utilization of the team is the best way to a successful conclusion of the project. He emphasized he's not recommending, but that CORE Construction would appreciate the fact that there could be another pair of eyes on this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Human Resource Director Tim Bunch advised that he's been here 1-1/2 years, and our Finance Director has helped him immeasurably; they have a really good working relationship and open dialogue. Director Frances agreed and added we have a really good team here in White Pine County and it's really because all of us are working together.

Commissioner Travis Godon noted we're thankful for the different offices being able to move things along. Commissioner Laurie Carson advised that as she's sat in on NACO meetings for some time, she's seen much appreciation voiced during those meetings for being able to hear different counties' trials and tribulations. She added that it helps us to see what they also are up against, and it makes us appreciate what we do have.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:33 p.m., Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WHITE PINE COUNTY
STATE OF NEVADA

BY: Richard Hume
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Travis Godon
WPC CLERK OF THE BOARD